

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 5, 2006

The Honorable Bill Frist  
Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Capitol S. 230  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

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Yesterday, the Utah State legislature came together in a bipartisan manner to pass a new four-seat U.S. House of Representatives redistricting map. As you may know, due to its population increase, Utah is next in line for an additional seat in the House. Moreover, the fourth Utah seat is tied legislatively to the proposed creation of the District of Columbia's first voting member of the House in compromise legislation, H.R. 5388, introduced by Representative Tom Davis and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. This bill represents a bipartisan, legislative compromise at its best, and deserves immediate consideration by the Senate.

Now that the Utah legislature has enacted a congressional map, it is urgent that Congress fulfill its obligation to provide the voting representation that Utah is entitled to as a result of changes to its population. Likewise, we recognize that the 600,000 plus Americans who live in the District of Columbia are without a voting member of Congress. By bringing this bill to the floor and passing it, we can provide Utah's seat and voting representation to the citizens of the District. No doubt, the citizens of Utah and the District of Columbia face different challenges, in greatly different parts of the country, and with greatly differing life styles, but they share a commonality: the right to be represented in our country's legislature.

The hour is late, but there is still time to come together to in the spirit of compromise. This legislation, which provides critical representation to American citizens, may also serve as a beacon for a Congress newly dedicated to getting work done for the American people, without regard to politics or partisanship.

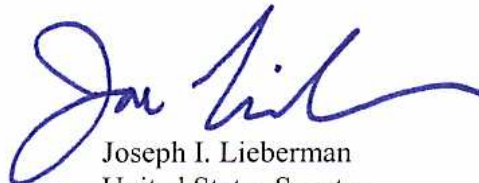
Sincerely,



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